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Decedent Identified in a Homicide: Unit Block of O Street, Northwest

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch are investigating a homicide that occurred on Sunday, January 6, 2019, in the Unit Block of O Street, Northwest.

At approximately 3:24 am, members of the Fifth District responded to the listed location for the sound of gunshots. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victim to an area hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead.

The decedent has been identified as **21-year-old Donald Rafus Benson**, of No Fixed Address.

The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to **\$25,000** to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at **202-727-9099**. Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to the department's **TEXT TIP LINE** by sending a text message to **50411**.

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